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MISS JESSIE KENNEDY

Chief Operator, Using Paging Microphone

"CALLING DR. KILDARE . . . "

It's just like the movies except . . . where is Dr. Kildare? Many other elusive doctors have been found, however, by means of the recently installed call system. Long needed and awaited, it has already taken a considerable load off our busy switchboard and saved wear and tear on tempers as one telephones for doctors just one jump behind from floor to floor. Now the switchboard operator turns on a microphone, pushes a switch, and her voice reaches any corner of the hospital. With an eye to the future, the control panel has possibilities for many stations, although only four switches are now in use — one each for Baker, Deaconess, and Palmer, and one for all three combined. One caution — this gadget does not mean the telephone is out-dated. If you can reach someone by telephone, do not ask the operator to page him. The necessary paging and calls keep the operators plenty busy.

MR. H. F. BYRNE, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Mr. H. F. Byrne, Public Relations Director, joined the administrative staff on November fourteenth. He comes to us from the firm of Dean Anderson, Inc., Philadelphia — a public relations and fund raising organization. Until the funds are procured to finish our new building, Mr. Byrne's efforts will be directed toward fund raising. Mr. Byrne has had experience with the United Nations Appeal for Children, UNRRA, the War Production Board, and the American Red Cross. He has also had experience in merchandising management, sales promotion, and direct sales. His office is on the first floor of the Deaconess Building, Room 108. Mr. Byrne is about the tallest man around the hospital — so he will be easily recognized.

MISS IRENE CARR, HEALTH COORDINATOR

We are most fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Irene Carr as Health Coordinator for the New England Deaconess Hospital. Miss Carr came to us on October first from the Visiting Nurse Association of Meriden, Connecticut, and is reorganizing our health program for employees and students. Her duties will also include the integration of public health nursing the basic curriculum of the Nursing School. Miss Carr was graduated from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing and received her Bachelor of Science degree with a

major in public health nursing from Simmons College. Since then she has been employed as a public health nurse with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association and the United States Public Health Service in New York City, served as an anesthetist with the Army Nurse Corps, and as a public health supervisor with the Salem Women's Friend Society.

TWO SUGGESTION AWARDS

Congratulations and $5 each to Edna Whittemore, Solution Room, for her suggestion on oxygen tank supports, and to Clifford Fisher, Purchasing, for his suggestion for a ramp into the cafeteria at the Pilgrim Road door so supply trucks may be wheeled directly into Harris Hall.

PARKING REGULATIONS

The parking problem came to a head with lightning-like rapidity the other day as Mr. Lowry noticed a local arm-of-the-law jotting down the registrations of all the cars on Autumn Street, Deaconess Road, and Pilgrim Road, pursuant to arranging a NEDH day in court. Talking fast and furiously (since his own number was among those noted), Mr. Lowry succeeded in obtaining a few days' grace. Parking *is* permitted on the Deaconess side of the Riverway between Brookline Avenue and Longwood Avenue except that no one may park within 40 feet of the intersections of Brookline Avenue or Longwood Avenue or within 10 feet of the intersections of Francis Street or Deaconess Road. Employees are requested to use this area: 1) the Deaconess side of Autumn Street, 2) the Harris Hall side the full length of Pilgrim Road, 3) on the park side of Deaconess Road between Brookline Avenue and Pilgrim Road, and 4) on the Baker side of Deaconess Road from Autumn Street to the Riverway. Parking is limited to 2 hours on the other side of the above streets. Violators will be prosecuted to the full limit of the law — that is, no warning tickets, but a trip to court for each offense.

BEAUTY SHOP IN NEW LOCATION

At last Paula Johnson, beauty operator, has a permanent place for her shop. Amazing changes have been made in the vicinity of the Special Diets Kitchen (now moved into Central Service) on the first floor of Deaconess, and one end has been transformed by hospital carpenters, painters, and plumbers into a most charming Beauty Salon — with pink walls, ruffled white nylon curtains, driers, cabinets, sinks, and other necessary equipment. "Johnny" is now prepared to offer shampoos, permanents, waves, manicures, and other beauty operations in attractive surroundings — with prices in keeping. She is also willing to accommodate employees by making after-hours appointments.

DEACONESS BENEFITS

When Mr. George F. Baker gave Dr. Joslin $250,000 for the George F. Baker Clinic, the hospital Trustees voted that it could not accept it unless an additional $50,000 was collected for the building and also an additional $300,000 given to it for an endowment to care for any expense which it might be to the hospital. Consequently, additional gifts in cash were secured, notably three of $25,000 each, the others in amounts both large and small, which raised the total building fund to something over $400,000. For the balance the Trustees accepted promises that certain individuals would insert in their wills gifts which in the aggregate would make up the balance. Already several of the donors have either paid or died and the hospital has benefited thereby. Among these was a Mrs. Davis who promised $10,000 but increased her gift to $15,000 and in addition has named the Palmer branch of the Deaconess in her residuary estate.

DEACONESS EMPLOYEES MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Directors of the Deaconess Employees Mutual Benefit

Association was held October 19th to discuss the future of the Association. Three alternatives were presented:

1. To continue the organization but reduce the benefits paid.
2. To dissolve the group.
3. To keep the organization in abeyance, not collecting dues for the month of November until the members and employees had an opportunity to voice their opinions and suggestions on the outcome of the Association.

The third alternative was adopted, and the Directors are asking each member of their department what his wish is with regard to the group. Any suggestions concerning ways of building up the Treasury are welcome, and in view of the assistance the Association provided during the past year (26 people received benefits — not counting gifts of flowers), it is sincerely hoped that each employee will join and enable the organization to continue.

The financial statement of the Association follows:

Receipts		$697.65
Cash on Hand		5.50
Disbursements:		
Benefits	$490.00	
Flowers	155.90	
Expenses	6.30	
Service charges	6.19	658.39
Balance October 1, 1949		$44.76

CREDIT UNION

The Alpha Credit Union at a recent executive meeting voted to call the attention of all borrowers to the provision in the By-laws that fines may be charged on all overdue payments at the rate of one cent per week for each $2.00 in arrears. A single $5.00 payment skipped and not made up may thus accumulate a fine of 36 cents in 3 months.

FRED E. McCUSTY

Fred E. McCusty, who left our employ the end of October to go to a new job in Washington, D. C., was, with his wife and small daughter, a passenger on the ill-fated airliner which crashed into the Potomac on November first. The whole hospital was stunned by the news and extends its most sincere sympathy to his family.

FRIENDS OF THE DEACONESS

The Annual Meeting was held October 26 in Harris Hall, opening with a welcome by Dr. Cook, followed by a business meeting and the report of the President, Mrs. Alexander Grant. Miss Pamela Cook played two piano solos as part of the program, which also included Miss Olive Nelson who spoke on her trip to the Nursing Conference in Sweden, and Dr. Clifford Franseen who spoke on some causes of cancer. After the program tea was served.

On November 15 a dessert bridge was held in Harris Hall for the benefit of the Nurses' Scholarship Fund.

Surgical dressings meetings have resumed on Wednesday mornings in the Palmer Solarium.

The Thrift Shop is now open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Any contributions of useful articles will be gratefully received.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

From June 12 through 16 the International Council of Nurses celebrated its 50th year by convening in Stockholm, Sweden, in the first session since it had been elected into official relationship with the World Health Organization, the health section of the United Nations.

The International Council of Nurses is a self-governing non-political federation of National Nurses Associations throughout the world and is made up entirely of registered professional nurses. At the first meeting of the 1949 session the organization members were increased from 22 to 30 by the reinstatement of members of national nurses' organizations from Germany, Austria, and Japan and election into membership of the association members of Italy, Southern Rhodesia,

Korea, Turkey, and Haiti. Representatives from Portugal and Ceylon attended for the first time. Sixteen countries in addition have associate status. The Council represents individually 350,000 nurses the world over and endeavors primarily to maintain and promote highest standards of nursing service and education in its membership and to encourage other countries in this direction.

The warm-hearted and genuine hospitality of the Swedish Nurses Association made a deep and lasting impression on each of the 4,000 delegates. Student nurses of Stockholm were sent on vacations to turn over large sections of student residences to guests, private homes were opened to nurses who wished the privilege of seeing Swedish life at close range. All trains, boats, and planes were met and visitors were directed to their lodgings. A large women's volunteer group was set up to serve 6,000 meals daily in the gigantic mess hall of St. Erik's Hall, located a few minutes away from the Convention area. The people of the city were most cordial. Newspapers even printed a few columns daily in English. The Royal Tennis Stadium, the conference hall, and the long street approaching it were decked in gala array with flags of all nations. A spirit of real friendliness and energetic enterprise permeated the activities of the crowded convention hall, dining hall, excursion buses, and throughout the city.

The New England Deaconess Hospital was fortunate, indeed, to be so well represented at this great conference. Six of our nurses attended — Miss Margaret M. Shrader, Miss Olive Nelson, Miss Florence R. Brown, Miss Ruth Pendleton, Miss Carola Anderson, and Miss Barbara Cookson. Different pre- and post-conference activities were engaged in by the six. Miss Shrader, Miss Brown, and Miss Pendleton traveled through Denmark, Holland, France, Switzerland, and England. Miss Nelson, with her niece, attended a school reunion in England. Miss Anderson and Miss Cookson traveled through several countries by bicycle in Youth Hostel fashion

ADMITTING

Our international flavor was lost on October 31st when Harriet Landon left us in search of greener pastures. Farewells and good wishes were in order, and while we were sorry to have her go, we sincerely hope she may find greater opportunity to exercise her talents, charm and graciousness.

What a surprise we received the first time the Gray Line sightseeing bus stopped in front of our windows. We'd be interested in the conductor's comments to the tourists. Of course, we feel that the Deaconess Hospital SHOULD be included in the tour.

With the new building about to assume some sort of shape, we're wondering how we can possibly find time to admit the patients AND supervise the construction. We were exhausted just trying to get that truck out of the ditch! (After this statement, we foresee the appearance of the painters and black paint to decorate our windows.)

HOUSEKEEPING

We all miss Mrs. Catherine Waters who has been with us for the past 22 years, but we are very glad that she is now taking a well-deserved rest.

Mrs. Sarah Hazlett, who has been visiting her son and daughter in Vista, California, was slightly injured in a train wreck in Los Angeles on her way home. She expects to be back with us soon.

We were sorry to hear that Darinda MacArthur was hospitalized in Bellevue Hospital in New York. We are glad, however, to have her back with us.

Good news — Leland MacCormack, who took care of our tunnel for quite some time, is getting along very nicely, and wishes to be remembered to all.

Hurrah! We are in second place in the bowling league — and hope to be first soon.

LAUNDRY

Welcome back to Adeline Fuller after three weeks' illness — and hurry back, Abbie Kane. We miss you.

Congratulations to Mr. Walter C. Emery, who was elected Educational Director of New England Laundry Managers on September first — and to Charles Gould, who is now Assistant Manager of the Hotel Statler Laundry.

MAINTENANCE

We are glad to report that Mr. Donald L. Sabine is feeling much better after his recent illness, and that his wife is doing nicely after her operation.

"Wee Jimmie" (James Banks, the plasterer) is well on the road to recovery after a session with ulcers.

NURSING

Congratulations are in order for the following nursing personnel who have recently been married: Jane Marshall to Mr. Henry Larrabee, now living at 23 Pitts Street, Portland, Maine; Ruth MacFaun to Mr. Richard Ross, 226 River Street, Waltham; Cornelia Harrigan to Mr. Ferdinand Veith, 160 Gardenhurst Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey; Thelma Lane to Mr. Roger Miles, 224 Lake Street, Belmont; Louise Cox to Dr. Kenneth Ingham, 113 William Street, Stratford, Ontario; Barbara Heselton to Mr. Dustan Colby, 28 Queensberry Street, Boston; Gertrude Heikkila to Mr. Albert Beer, New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

The following babies are reported to have arrived: Boys to Constance Birse Bass and Patricia Worcester Blood, and a girl to Clarice Poole Andrews.

Misses Elinor Keresey and Dorothy Eaton are on leave of absence to attend classes full-time at Boston University.

Welcome to: Miss Dorothy Hancock who joined the Clinical Teaching Staff in August; Miss Elva Benting who replaced Mrs. Evelyn Gorski as Miss Shrader's secretary; Miss Anna May Jolie, staff night duty on Palmer II, and Miss Muriel Lamb on Deaconess III North; 25 new nurses from our September graduating class; and last, but by no means least, our new class of 40 preclinical students. We are also delighted to have back two students who have been on extended sick leave, Misses Carrie Kendall and Claire Davis.

Resignations have required corresponding changes concerning those in charge capacity: Miss Ruth Eastman replaces Miss Edith Chamberlain, Nursing Arts Instructor, who has accepted a position at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, North Carolina; Miss Virginia Diggdon is in charge on Deaconess III in Miss Keresey's absence.

Head Nurse appointments are: Miss Rose Kozlowski, Palmer V; Miss Patricia Dunbar, Baker V; Miss Thelma Tungland, Deaconess III South; Miss Emilie Borek, Deaconess II. Assistant Head Nurse appointments are: Miss Mary Parker, Deaconess II; Miss Jean Morrisseau, Deaconess III North; Mrs. Thelma Miles (Acting), Deaconess III North; Miss Anne Borek, Deaconess III South; Miss Dorothy Johnson, Deaconess IV.

Night duty has also seen some changes. Miss Muriel Palmer is Night Supervisor, with Misses Mildred Munn, Muriel Raynor, Elena Palmieri, Louise Rouillard, and Carola Anderson as assistants.

PATHOLOGY

Vacations, though a thing of the past, are not forgotten. Among the high spots: Natalie Fossati's trip to the Canadian Northwest — nothing like it, she says; Rose Sindone and Hope Emerson will settle for the Middle West; Katie Gifford would just as soon be fog bound on Grand Manan; Elaine Higgins, that perpetual windjammer cruise, of course.

We are very glad to report that Dr. Duncan Smyth is much improved. He has left the sanatorium and is living nearby with his family.

Dr. Ted Wilson is back on active duty, and don't any of you complain of the cold. He is with the fleet on Arctic maneuvers!

PHARMACY

Our welcome to three new employees: Barbara Harrison and Constance Murphy in the office, and Mrs. Mildred Rosenhek, Registered Pharmacist, in the store.

Pharmacist Bill Martin became the father of a baby girl, Mary Colleen, on October 3. Charles Schraub followed suit on November 7 with Barbara Ann.

PURCHASING

In August we welcomed back former employee W. Clifford Fisher, who helped out while John Keefe was in the hospital. Cliff is now on a permanent basis, and John is back at work as good as new.

Michael Smith returned from a late vacation the end of October. On November 1, he and Mary Parkins of the Personnel Office exchanged birthday greetings. Mike explained about the birthday celebration he had with his son, Michael J., Jr., who is attending Boston College. Along with several nice gifts, he received a box of candy. When he tried to eat it, it seemed a little hard, so he brought it in to work and passed it around. Someone finally discovered it was plaster of paris, and everyone (most of all, Mike) had a good laugh.

RECORD ROOMS

Dorene Thompson and Kay Shirley left Boston on October 31 for Florida where Dody will take up residence in Sarasota. Kay will spend a month or so visiting.

There have been several changes in personnel — Ann Henley of Palmer left to work at Children's Hospital. Kathleen McHugh is taking her place. In Deaconess, Mrs. Ilva Crafts is helping out for a few months.

Ruth Moore, of Palmer, had a close call in August when she was accidentally shot in the arm, but she is back at her typewriter — as good as new, we are happy to say.

SOCIAL SERVICE

In the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Saturday, October 29, Priscilla Modlenke was married to Dr. William Drake, former Path. Lab. resident. Mary Kelly was maid of honor. Priscilla and Bill are living in Philadelphia where Bill is a resident at Presbyterian Hospital and Priscilla is a social worker at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

On October 10, Mrs. Beryl Paine, Librarian, gave her sixth lecture on bibliotherapy for the Gray Ladies Course at the Red Cross.

X-RAY

Mrs. Priscilla Oleson, who came to us from Salem Hospital, is our newest technician in Palmer. Miss Virginia Wannberg and Miss Claire Couture have joined the Deaconess forces recently. Miss Greta Lexander transferred from Surgery the end of September to do photo-roentgens and some clerical work.

Miss Eleanor Foss is the new secretary in Deaconess, coming to us from a pathologist's office. She replaces Mrs. Dorothy Gregg, to whom a boy, Randolph Manson, was born in September.

Miss Mily Vacarella left us the first of September to become Mrs. Sal Casella, and is now enjoying a trip to California.

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